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WASHINGTON, July 18, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 13 (the second week of the annual coal miners' vacation) totaled an estimated 15.9 billion ton-miles, 9.0 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 28 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 480.2 billion ton-miles, down 3.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended July 13 totaled 338,801, down 12.2 percent from last year, but 12.7 percent higher than the preceding Independence Day holiday week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 26.6 percent in the East, 9.5 percent in the South and 4.8 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 19 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Twenty of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding holiday week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended July 6 totaled 71,485 trailers and/or containers, 3.5 percent below the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 27 weeks of the year was 2,277,059 trailers and/or containers, down 3.2 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/13/85:

	Loadings in Week ended July 13, 1985		Change from Corresponding Week 1984			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	25,044	D	3,744	13.0	I	2,215	9.7
Other farm products	3,460	D	21	0.6	I	428	14.1
Metallic ores	13,503	D	5,113	27.5	I	862	6.8
Coal	86,261	D	26,715	23.6	I	6,140	7.7
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,038	I	333	2.6	I	2,444	23.1
Nonmetallic minerals	11,101	D	2,170	16.4	I	1,133	11.4
Grain mill products	9,526	D	247	2.5	I	1,065	12.6
Food and kindred products	10,549	D	115	1.1	I	2,250	27.1
Primary forest products	11,280	D	2,172	16.1	I	2,919	34.9
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,520	D	196	2.9	I	1,812	38.5
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,968	D	1,007	7.2	I	701	5.7
Chemicals and allied products	22,274	D	797	3.5	I	3,331	17.6
Petroleum products	4,705	D	135	2.8	I	626	15.3
Stone, clay and glass products	10,604	D	875	7.6	I	1,571	17.4
Coke	5,191	D	151	2.8	I	493	10.5
Metals and products	8,559	D	286	3.2	I	467	5.8
Motor vehicles and equipment	16,222	I	393	2.5	I	2,687	19.9
Waste and scrap materials	7,828	D	1,085	12.2	I	2,114	37.0
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	5,956	D	1,165	16.4	I	637	12.0
All other carloads	54,103	D	1,922	3.4	I	4,348	8.7
LCL traffic	109	D	54	33.1	D	30	21.6
Total Cars Loaded	338,801	D	47,244	12.2	I	38,213	12.7
Corresponding week of 1984	386,043						

	1985	1984	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (28 weeks)	10,406,390	10,991,491	D 5.3
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
27 Weeks ended July 6	464.3	481.2	D 3.5
Week ended July 13	15.9	17.5	D 9.0
28 weeks cumulative	480.2	498.7	D 3.7

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